



## Fall Family Fun Nights

Join us this fall for some fun Family Nights at the Mansfield Community Center. There are giant inflatables in the gym and in the pool, ping pong, inflatable pool floats, tot toys, puzzles, Community Room drop-in games, open gym, the fitness area is open for kids ages 12 and 13 with their parents, poolside basketball and more! No pre-registration required.

Location: Mansfield Community Center

Dates/Times: Fri., Sept. 21, 6-9 p.m.  
Sat., Oct. 13, 4:30-7:30 p.m.  
Fri., Nov. 2, 6-9 p.m.  
Sat., Nov. 17, 4:30-7:30 p.m.  
Sat., Dec. 1, 4:30-7:30 p.m.  
Sat., Dec. 22, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Fee: There is no fee for Community Center Members. Non-members just need to pay the daily fee and see what the fun is all about. Off-peak members pay ½ the daily fee.



## Free Mansfield Days at the Community Center

Have you been wondering what all the excitement is about at the Mansfield Community Center? Well, if you're a Mansfield resident you can find out for FREE!

Location: Mansfield Community Center

Dates/Times: Sat., Sept. 22, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 8, noon-3 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 25, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 1, 4:30-7:30 p.m.



## Recreation Rescue

Recreation Rescue is for children in grades K-8 and is held on school staff professional days. This one day camp includes creative games, activities and a field trip. Detailed flyers are distributed to the schools prior to the dates. Program is held at Mansfield Middle School. Space is limited so register early.

Location: Mansfield Middle School

Dates: (254010-A) Tues., Oct. 9, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

(254011-A) Tues., Nov. 13, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Fee: \$45/day for residents \$55/day for non-residents



## Family Music: African Rhythm and Movement (ages 18 months-5 years with their parents)

This course is designed for parents and their young children to experience together: music, dance and storytelling from various parts of Africa. Each week, participants will take part in various aspects of traditional African culture with the aims of having fun, gaining an appreciation of diversity and introducing basic music, dance and storytelling concepts.

Instructor: **Gideon Ampeire** grew up steeped in folk music in his native Uganda. He became a professional performer and teacher around Uganda and Europe before coming to the United States. He earned a B.A. from UConn and a Masters in Ethnomusicology from Wesleyan University. He leads the group Echo Uganda, which is made up of Gideon's former students.

Location: CC Arts and Crafts Room

Dates: Sat., Sept. 15-Nov. 3 (8 classes)

Time: (220005-A) 10-11 a.m.

Fee: \$40 for residents \$50 for non-residents

## Parents' Night Out/Kids' Night Out

Drop off your children (grades K-5) on a Saturday night from 3-7:30 p.m. at the Community Center for an evening of supervised fun for the kids (and a night out for you parents) including games, crafts and age appropriate movies. Pizza and beverages served.

Dates: (290011-A) September 29

(290011-B) October 20

(290011-C) November 10

Time: 3-7:30 p.m.

Fees: \$20 per night for resident (\$40 max per family)

\$30 per night for non-resident (\$60 max per family)

## BACKYARD GAMES

Outdoor Volleyball and Badminton sets are available to rent for home use. Reservations (with payment) must be made 48 hours in advance. \$25 deposit check and copy of driver's license is required at the time of rental reservation.

Fee: \$5 per set per use (up to 3 days)



## KAYAK RENTALS

Made available through a grant from Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL), we have acquired eight single kayaks with paddles and life jackets. The kayaks are 10.5 feet long and weigh about 42 pounds each.

Reservations (with payment) must be made in writing at least 48 hours in advance. \$50 deposit check and copy of driver's license is required at the time of rental reservation.

Fee: \$5 per kayak per day

Pick up (seasonally) at the Community Center between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. and return 1:30-2 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday only) or 6-7:30 p.m. (all days) Participants are responsible for the loading, unloading, and transporting the kayaks to and from destination.

# Family & Special Events

## Parents' Morning Out Holiday Edition (grades K-5)

Drop off your children on Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Community Center for a morning of supervised fun, cookie decorating and holiday craft making that could make great gifts for family and friends. A pizza lunch will be served. Space is limited and craft supplies need to be ordered so register early.

Location: CC Arts and Crafts Room and Kitchen

Dates: Sat., Dec. 15

Time: (290010-A) 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Instruction Fees: \$20 for residents \$30 for non-residents

Materials Fee: \$5 for everyone (please note that both fees are due at registration and fee waivers to not apply to materials).



## Halloween Party and Trick-A-Trunk

The Halloween spirit is coming to the Mansfield Community Center on Saturday October 27th from 5-6:30 p.m. Dress up in your costume a few days early and join us for an early evening of fun including games, activities and some trick-a-trunking. Trick-A-Trunk is part of our Halloween party where area youths trick or treat around our blocked off parking lot that is filled with cars where volunteers, LIKE YOU, set up shop handing out treats to our costumed kiddies! You can wear costumes; decorate your cars or whatever you would like to get in



the Halloween spirit. Trick-A-Trunk space is limited. Trick-A-Trunk sponsors must pre-register. For more information or to register as a sponsor contact: Bill Callahan at 429-3015 ext.107

Location: CC

Date: Sat., Oct. 27, 5-6:30 p.m.

Fees: Free Event - Donations Accepted

## 8th Annual Father/Daughter Overnight Backpacking Trip (fathers and their daughters ages 11 and up)

This is an organized backpacking weekend trip. A moderately difficult (but doable by anybody that hikes around Mansfield) piece of the Appalachian Trail, up to a nice mountain ridge with a beautiful view and some water falls. Camp over Saturday night and hike back down. We'll pack in our meals and cook hot meals on Saturday night and Sunday morning. We'll leave very early Saturday morning so we can get there at a leisurely pace. If you need equipment, we have a number of backpacks, sleeping bags, tents, stoves, etc. for everyone to borrow.

Hike Leader: **Kevin Cranmer**, a father of three girls, has hiked and climbed for many decades. He is a lover of the outdoors and particularly enjoys introducing novices to wilderness adventure.

Location: Hike part of the Appalachian Trail in Massachusetts (about 2.5 hr. drive)

Days: Overnight Trip, Oct. 13 and 14 (trip is rain or shine)  
There will be an organizational meeting TBA for all who are registered.

Time: (280005-A) Van leaves the CC at 6 a.m. on Sat. and returns approximately 6 p.m. on Sun.

Fee: \$15 per family group (father and daughter(s)) for residents  
\$25 for non-residents

In addition there will be an approximate \$30 per person fee for food, fuel, etc. This fee will be less if you bring your own food and stove (to be determined at the pre-hike meeting.)

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## Mansfield Parks & Recreation Outstanding Employees

Each month and Quarter Mansfield Parks & Recreation employees have the opportunity to nominate full and part time co-workers for a recognition award. Nominations are then voted on for the most outstanding employee who significantly contributes to or enhances the mission of the Department of Parks & Recreation. The most recent award recipient's photo and bio can be located on the Parks & Recreation web site ([www.mansfieldcc.com](http://www.mansfieldcc.com))

### Employee of the Month

Recent Monthly Part-Time or  
Seasonal Staff Recipients

**Kathy O'Connor** (May)

**Laz Pitmann** (June)

